

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Assistance has released preliminary estimates for its Justice Assistance Grant Program allocations, which were included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act signed into law last month. The Central Coast's portion of funds adds up to more than \$1.5 million.

"Funds included in the economic stimulus package for law enforcement grants are vitally important as California struggles through its economic woes," said Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel). "These funds are a vital lifeline for many of our police departments, who are facing layoffs and other service cutbacks."

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program allows states and local governments to support a range of enforcement, prevention and court initiatives. The Recovery Act included a total of \$2 billion for this program. Funds are released based on federal formulas that take into account population and crime statistics.

Justice Assistance Grant estimates from the Department of Justice:

Jurisdiction	Allocation
Monterey County	
\$104,441	
Gonzales	\$19,652
Seaside	\$91,604
Soledad	\$26,784
Marina	\$32,489
Salinas	\$523,314
Greenfield	\$33,757
King City	\$26,308
Monterey	\$82,253
Group total	\$940,602*
San Benito County	\$21,554
Hollister	\$75,280
Group total	\$96,834*
Santa Cruz County	\$137,723
Santa Cruz	\$219,183
Group total	\$356,906*
Capitola City	\$34,233

Watsonville City \$148,658

* Watsonville and Capitola have set funding. The other three groups above will divide the total values, marked by an asterisk. The Department of Justice's estimated breakdowns are included for each jurisdiction, but final totals will be determined by each city/county group in a Memorandum of Understanding submitted to DOJ.

Source of JAG estimates: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryallocations.html>
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State applications for funds are due by April 9, and the application form can be accessed here: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/JAGrecoveryState.pdf>

Local applications for funds are due by May 18, and the application form can be accessed here: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/JAGrecoveryLocal.pdf>

For more information, visit the U.S. Department of Justice's Recovery Act Web site at <http://www.usdoj.gov/recovery/>

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